

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON TUESDAY 2nd November 2010
AT 17.00 HRS**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Miss R Jennings

Councillors: Cllr Miss A Baynton Cllr Miss L Phillips Cllr Miss R Wolliston
Cllr Miss J Browne

Officers: Mrs C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO

Also Present: Ms Trish Willetts, Solihull MBC
Cllr Mrs. P Allen, Link Councillor

Public: 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr Miss N Browne, Cllr T Clayton, Cllr Miss G Healy, Cllr A Knibb and Cllr J Lal were noted. Cllr D Bliss, Cllr Miss C Drew and Cllr Miss A Munro were absent. PC Discenza, PC Cobley and Steve Crook had planned to attend but unfortunately were not able to make the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Miss Phillips, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss J Browne, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 7th September 2010 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

3. Village Green Project – Sensory Peace Garden.

Members discussed the tree planting ceremony and the consequential press reports. Members were congratulated by Cllr Mrs. Allen for this tremendous achievement on behalf of the Parish Council and were pleased to hear the endorsement and pride of a resident who praised the event publicly at the last council meeting. Members agreed it was a long awaited but most appropriate occasion. Future plans were discussed and Mrs. Browne offered to investigate assistance with Park Hall Academy making box frames for the concrete handprints next spring. Mrs. Browne also suggested a source for the Clerk to get a suitable album for the project to be properly recorded. Ms. Willetts also offered her congratulations on the youth council's fantastic success, all the more commendable as it had been achieved without formal and practical assistance of the Borough Council. The Clerk was still awaiting a response from B&Q after appealing for replacement plants on 1st October.

4. Community Projects – Guest Speaker: Trish Willetts, Solihull MBC.

The Chairman welcomed Ms Willetts to the meeting and members listened with interest to her ideas. Ms. Willetts said that the Borough Council were proud of the youth council's achievements and she hoped that with her assistance and wide variety of contacts that new and exciting ventures could be explored. She described the many events and activities that she helped local Environment Champions complete, working in Castle Bromwich, North Solihull and borough wide. A copy of the Summer newsletter was shown, with another to be issued shortly and copies would be sent to all members. Members were pleased to hear of the Silver Medal at the Gardener's World Live show at the NEC, particularly as fellow youth councillor, Alice Munro was a keen participant. Ms. Willetts said that 90 projects had been completed in 18 months and the Chairman apologised for not being able to take part in an underpass project at Cooks

ACTION

Clerk
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Lane involving her local scouts. Ms. Willetts was thanked by the Chairman for supplying white daffodils to go in the sensory peace garden. The Clerk recalled environmental issues from the past when residents had requested more Britain in Bloom planting in Castle Bromwich. Ms. Willetts explained changes to the planting schemes and how she could assist the Youth Council with refurbished tubs. She also explained she could help with transport to other areas and suggested members might like to visit Solihull Council House and Civic Suite, perhaps meeting councillors or attending a meeting.

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5. Working Party Report.

Members discussed the last meeting when preparations were made for the planting. Members had also split the questionnaire responses for analysis. Another meeting was arranged for all members on Tuesday 7th December at 5.30 p.m. for one hour when funding applications could be prepared and completed. At 6.30 p.m. the Clerk offered to arrange food for members to enjoy until 8.00 p.m.

6. Grant Funding Applications.

Members noted that a letter of application had been submitted to the Dame Mary Bridgman Trust. Cllr Mrs. Allen would pursue information from the St. Thomas Dole Charity and work with the Clerk and Chairman to make a speedy application as time was short. The matter of signage would be dependant on grant funding. A copy of a recent application to Greggs the Bakers would be forwarded to Trish Willetts for her additional support.

PA
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Clerk
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7. Publicity Ideas and Fundraising Options.

Following discussion, members **RESOLVED** to challenge the parish councillors to a skittles night on Tuesday 4th January 2011 in the Windsor Room. Ideas for further consideration for either an indoor/outdoor event, probably involving music of some form. Visits to schools to raise awareness of the Youth Council and to hear views of primary children was also to be considered further as this had proved to be popular in the past.

Clerk
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8. Questionnaire responses/Social Event.

Members noted that some results were not available for consideration due to the absence of members but from the returns that had been appraised, it was clear that the idea of holding a youth social event was not supported sufficiently with far more replies against the event than in favour. Following discussion, **IT WAS AGREED** that future considerations would be on suggested ideas instead. Members were asked to bring summaries to the next meeting when it was hoped that a general reply could be circulated to groups who had been consulted.

Members
4/1/11

9. Ideas and Questions from Councillors.

Members **RESOLVED** to ask for a visit to Solihull MBC and the Clerk undertook to contact Trish Willetts to explore possibilities. There was also enthusiastic support for a visit to the House of Commons and the Chairman would contact Caroline Spelman, MP to ask if this could be arranged. Mrs. Browne commended this from past experience.

Clerk
Nov.10

RJ
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10. Communications.

Members noted the Parliamentary Outreach information, commended the success of the Sure Maintenance project and **AGREED** to consider outdoor gym equipment and the Street Snooker equipment at the next meeting.

Clerk
Dec.10

11. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk informed members that she had completed an audit questionnaire on youth decision making groups, explaining how the Youth Council had operated since 2001.